

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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Mr. Esterline []

Mr [] [14 May]

The cable to June
sounds all right. I
do not think at this
point that we should be
this deep. []

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13 May 1954

MEMO FOR: Mr. Esterline
SUBJECT: Current status of PEILIKER case.

1. [] and I saw Mr. [] this afternoon and filled him in briefly on the highlights. We left him copies of the attached Memo of Record and of the dispatches we sent to [] and [] on April 28 requesting investigation of the addressors of mail received by Peiliker.

2. We stressed that we didn't want to ask him or the FBI to do any work that could safely be avoided. However, we pointed out that (a) PEILIKER was definitely involved in the provocation attempt in January, and (b) we know little about his whereabouts since February, except that (c) he did send a somewhat odd cable to a Rio firm that does do business behind the Curtain, and (d) we know nothing about his means of livelihood and politics since 1929. So we asked his advice as to whether we were running risks in leaving him uninvestigated.

3. Mr. [] said he would re-study his File on the case, plus the papers we left, and would let us know his conclusions. He also suggested we might briefly query LINCOLN as to whether they have had any new information or thoughts on the matter since their initial cable of January 21.

cc: []
PEILIKER case file

May 19
[] was over here on another matter. Says he has been so busy and overburdened that he hasn't had a chance to study the PEILIKER file carefully - only to glance at it and hope he can get it. []

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13 May 1954

MEMO OF RECORD

SUBJECT: Current status of PEILIKER case. #99664

RYBAT PBSUCCESS

1. 21 Jan. 1954. A letter was definitely forwarded to CALLIGERIS in which PEILIKER was definitely named as ostensible head of a "European" group which wished to offer to WSBURNT patriots arms, ammo, instructors, merchandise up to \$2 million. LINCOLN urged immediate traces on names involved, particularly PEILIKER.
2. Late Jan or early Feb. CALLIGERIS [] conference at LINCOLN. Apparently it was decided that CALLIGERIS should make no reply to this offer.
3. Apparently nothing has been heard from LINCOLN on the subject since then.
4. SSD investigations have disclosed that PEILIKER (a) has been seen at the Brooklyn address; (b) has had an address at American Club, Mexico City; (c) nothing known about his means of livelihood since 1929. SSD discontinuing action 21 April pending a further request from PBSUCCESS.
5. PEILIKER receiving mail from addressees in Mexico City. [] requested by PBSUCCESS to undertake a check on these addressees and a "thorough but discreet" local check of PEILIKER's background and current activities if any in Mexico. No reply received to date.
6. SSD reported that PEILIKER received some 5 pieces of mail from a name, garbled in postman's copying of handwriting, "Trezoonas, Treslirios" etc. etc. He also sent two cables in late February to Rio and Sao Paulo to a similar name. Check of RI index by [] discloses no names beginning "Tres.." except the firm TRES LEOES of Sao Paulo, with branch in Rio. This firm listed in phone book as a ~~refrigerating~~ "refrig". It has made two ~~gross~~ innocuous-sounding and probably genuine inquiries of Polish and Czech commercial officials in Rio, regarding orders of "flexible cables" from firms in Prague and Warsaw, consistent with its being in the "refrig" business."
7. Query whether PEILIKER's cable in late February to "L. T. Treslirios" --probably TRES LEOES-- is not a bit odd: "Mail slow in arriving. Have written many letters. Am securing office around Times Square ready continue our business to success."?
8. [] were requested by dispatch, about April 24, to investigate TRES LEOES. No reply received to date.
9. Where is PEILIKER now? Has he any known Communist background? Has he been active in re CALLIGERIS matters since January 21?

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10. Above points given orally to Mr. Esterline 12 May 1954, who said he thought we should go ahead "full steam" with further investigation of PEILIKER. At the same time he is aware of the heavy demands on ODENVY services. Therefore, C J and C J to discuss with Mr. C J whether some measures, short of a full-time surveillance, could be laid on, to get some sort of check on PEILIKER's current (a) whereabouts and (b) activities.

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cc: Mr. C J
2 extra carbons

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